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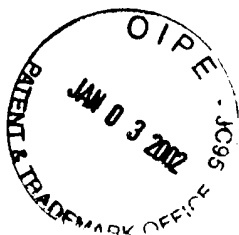
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- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
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- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$776.
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 - \$560 for 7 independent claims over 3.
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